

(a) the progress made to telecast the T.V. serial 'Bible'; and

(b) by when it is likely to be telecast?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). The TV serial 'Bible' has been tentatively scheduled for telecast from 9th august, 1992.

Temporary employees in National aluminium company Limited

7078. **SHRI K. PRADHANI:** Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employee working in the National Aluminium company Limited;

(b) the number of temporary employees in the organisation in each cadre; and

(c) the criteria/ rules applied in making them regular/permanent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) There are 5476 employees working in the National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) as on 31st march, 1992.

(b) and (c). There is no temporary employee working in the organisation and the company does not have rules for making them regular/permanent.

Nomenclature of E.D. Agents

7079. **PROF. PREM DHUMAL:**
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether change in nomenclature of the Extra Departmental Agents has been

demandd by the various postal unions;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) if not, the time by which the necessary orders are likely to be issued by his Ministry?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes Sir, the unions have demanded a change in the existing nomenclature to that of "Grameen Dak karmchari"

(b) The above demand has not been found feasible to accept due to its legal implications as Extra-departmental; Postal Agents are only part time agents of the department where as the proposed name has a different connotation conferring on them the status of departmental employees.

(c) Does not arise in view of the reply to part (b) of the question.

[Translation]

Indo-Nepal Agreement on Kosi and Gandak

7080. **DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR:**

SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:

SHRI LALIT ORAON:

SHRI RAMDEW RAM:

Will the Minister of water WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details and date on which agreement was signed between India and Nepal in regard to river Kosi and Gandak;

(b) the extent of irrigation and other facilities availed by Bihar, U.P. and Nepal; and

(c) the expenditure incurred on the

projects by Nepal, Bihar and U.P. separately?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN

SHUKLA): (a) and (b). Kosi Agreement was signed on 25th April, 1954 and revised on 19th December, 1966. Gandak Agreement was signed on 4th december, 1959. The benefits from the projects are as under:-

Name of Project	Country India		Country Nepal
	Bihar	Uttar Pradesh	
(i) Kosi Project			
Irrigation Benefits (lakh Hectare)	7.75	-	0.395
Power Benefits (MW) 10		-	10
(ii) Gandak Project			
Irrigation Benefits (Lakh Hectare)	10.83	4.43	0.44
Power Benefits (MW) 7.5		-	7.5

(c) For Gandak Project, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar have spent about Rs. 133 crores and Rs. 420 crores respectively. For Kosi Project, Rs. 256 crores has been spent by Bihar and Rs. 63.73 crores by India on behalf of Nepal.

Scheme to Identify Tourist Resorts for Foreign Tourists.

7081. DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to identify new tourist resorts for attracting more foreign tourists in the country;

(b) whether there steps taken by the govt. for its implementation; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION

AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). Identification of new tourist resorts is a continuous exercise and is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, 15 circuits/destinations have been identified and action Plans for development of these circuits/destinations are being finalised in consultation with the State Governments.

Irrigation Projects of Bihar

7082. SHRI NITISH KUMAR:
SHRI SUKDEEPASWAN:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Irrigation projects which have been approved recently by the Union Government along with the estimated cost thereof and period fixed for their completion;